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Role 'Misrepresented'

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Dulles Defends CIA in Saigon

The role of the Central Intelligence Agency in South Vietnam has been "misrepresented and misunderstood," Allen Dulles, former director of the CIA said Monday.

Dulles, whose latest book— "The Craft of Intelligence"— will be serialized in The Inquirer beginning Sunday, laughed off Communist charges that the CIA had incited the revolution which overthrew the regime of President Ngo Dinh Diem on Nov. 1.

RED PROPAGANDA

Those charges "are nothing but Communist propaganda," he said.

Dulles, who resigned in 1961 after heading the CIA for eight years, denied charges made in the United States that the CIA followed its own policies and programs in Vietnam.

The intelligence unit must follow the directives and policies of the President, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, he said.

"It is quite true the CIA was given the responsibility to recruit, organize and train forces" to fight against Communist raiders from North Vietnam, he said.

FORCES MISUSED

"The fact that they were misused by President Diem for his own purposes — against Buddhists and others — was something the CIA could not control," he added. "Still, these men had been useful in combating the Communist front," he said.

Dulles said "we can only hope the new government will be an ally of ours in fighting the Red guerillas."

"It is a difficult situation, but is vitally important if the Communists are to be prevented from taking over Southeast Asia," he said.

In an interview at the Barclay, the 71-year-old espionage mastermind and author said his main purpose in writing the book was to "do away with the idea that everything the CIA does is so secret it can't be talked about."



Allen Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, during interview at the Barclay Hotel. Dulles' new book, "The Craft of Intelligence," will be serialized in The Inquirer.

Dulles said another reason for his greatest personal achievement was negotiating that the charge the CIA does not have to account to anyone German forces in Northern Italy, the first great surrender of the Second World War.

The CIA, he explained, is our intelligence unit overseas. The greatest innovation in spying, he said, was the high flying and counter-espionage and co-ordinating intelligence activities abroad, it also gathers and analyzes information which will aid our policy makers, he said.

It is the counter arm of the FBI, with which it often coordinates information.

DULLES, whose espionage career began under President Woodrow Wilson in the First World War, is the brother of the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

In reviewing his career, Dul-